

Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
Proposed New Permanent Regulation

Lodging Establishments

28-36-79. Housekeeping and laundry facilities; maintenance supplies and equipment.

Each licensee shall ensure that all housekeeping and laundry facilities and equipment are clean and maintained in good repair. Each licensee shall ensure that all of the following requirements are met:

(a)(1) Each housekeeping cart shall be maintained and operated to prevent the contamination of clean linens by dirty linens.

(2) Each housekeeping cart shall be designed, maintained, and operated to protect clean glasses, utensils, dishware, single-service articles, food, coffee, and condiments from dirty linens and other sources of contamination, including dirty glasses and dishware, cleaning and sanitizing agents, and poisonous or toxic materials.

(3) Each service or utility cart shall be maintained and operated to prevent the contamination of clean linens by dirty linens or other sources of contamination, according to one of the following methods:

- (A) Cleaning and sanitizing the service cart before transporting clean linens;
- (B) lining the service cart with a clean liner before transporting clean linens;
- (C) placing the clean linens in a clean container before transporting the linens in the service cart; or
- (D) using another method as approved by the regulatory authority.

(4) All laundry bags used for dirty linen shall be laundered before being used for clean linen.

(5) Each housekeeping cart and each service cart shall be kept clean and in good repair.

(b)(1) Each licensee shall provide laundry facilities, unless a commercial laundry service is used.

(2) All clean laundry shall be handled in a manner that prevents contact with dirty linen.

(3) Each laundry area shall be designed and arranged in a manner that provides for the functional separation of clean and dirty laundry. A space large enough for sorting and storing soiled linens and for sorting and storing clean linens shall be provided.

(4) The laundry facilities shall be located in areas that are not used by guests or the public and are not used as corridors or passageways.

(5) The laundry area shall be kept clean and free from accumulated lint and dust.

(6) The laundry facilities and areas shall be used for their intended purpose and shall not be used for storage of equipment or supplies not related to the laundering process.

(7) All laundry equipment shall be functional and in good repair. Any laundry equipment that is no longer in use shall be removed from the laundry area.

(8) Each lodging establishment that is newly constructed, undergoes a major renovation, or is licensed under a new ownership shall be required to have a hand sink in the laundry area. Each hand sink shall meet the requirements specified in K.A.R. 28-36-74.

(9) All housekeeping and cleaning supplies and equipment shall be stored in a designated area. The storage area may be in the laundry area if the supplies and equipment are physically separated from the laundry, laundry equipment, and laundry supplies.

(c) All laundry that is cleaned commercially off the premises shall have a segregated storage space for clean and dirty laundry and shall be located and equipped for convenient pick-up and delivery.

(d) Separate laundry facilities may be provided for use by guests if these facilities are located in a room or area of the lodging establishment designated only for guest laundry. The area and equipment shall be kept clean and in good repair.

(e) Single-use gloves shall be available for housekeeping and laundry staff and made available in the laundry and housekeeping areas.

(f) A specific location or area shall be provided for the storage of maintenance supplies and equipment. No other items shall be stored in this location or area.

This regulation shall be effective on and after February 5, 2008. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 36-506; effective, T-\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; effective P-\_\_\_\_\_.)